

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to *ex parte Quayle* action dated December 23, 2004. Claims 1-15 were examined.

Objections to the Drawings and Specification

Applicant has made amendments consistent with the Examiner's requirements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that all objections to the drawings and specification now be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-15 are objected to due to informalities. Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. In addition, Applicant has corrected additional informalities in Claims 7 and 9.

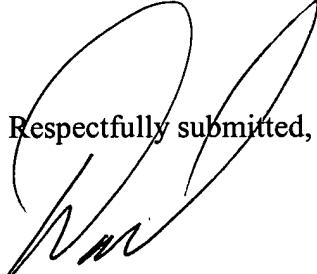
In summary, claims 1-15 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings include changes to Fig(s). 5, 9 and 12, and replace the original sheet(s) including such figures.

Attachment(s):

Replacement Sheet including amended Fig. 5;

Replacement Sheet including amended Fig. 9; and,

Replacement Sheet including amended Fig. 12.